

For Your Information
Weekly
FROM THE CITY MANAGER & STAFF
March 21, 2014

Dates to Remember:

April 5, 2014	Annual Spring Cleaning – 9:00 a.m. to noon (note change of date)
April 17, 2014	City Commission Workshop – 5:00 p.m.
April 21, 2014	City Commission Meeting – 5:00 p.m.

Staff Reports

Community Development Director Reese reports:

- Three (3) violation cases: one (1) for property maintenance; two (2) for illegal parking and one (1) case was found to be in compliance and closed;
- Demolition of 319 North W.C. Owen Avenue is scheduled to take place before the end of the week. This property was formerly owned by the Mills family and was recently purchased by the First United Methodist Church;

Golf Course Operations Director Ford reports:

- Campbell Nall Scholarship Tournament is set for this Saturday with a field of 108 players.
- Glow ball night golf was held March 14th with a full field participating.
- Tournament season is in full swing with six events scheduled in the next nine weeks.
- In golf course maintenance staff has fertilized greens, started edging of bunkers, and started spot spraying for weed control.

Library Director Barrett reports:

- One-Book-One Community Reads program will be announced soon. The focus this year is on disabilities. We are still planning to hold a fair in conjunction with the event so look out!
- Remodeling of the library is almost done. Please take time to come and see your new computer lab. It's beautiful!!
- Computers in all three Hendry County Libraries have been replaced. All three libraries now sport new snazzy computer terminals.
- Story time and the children's book club continue at the library. Please remember any help you can provide to purchase snacks for the children will be appreciated.
- Summer time is here and we need help to provide summer programming for our children. Please remember us. Remember, it is so much better to give to these little ones.

Police Chief Gutshall reports:

- The Chief of Police from Seminole PD paid a visit Monday to review details of the March planned in April. In a good faith exchange for our willingness to escort them through town, they have offered to send an attachment of officers to assist us during Sugar Festival free of charge. We graciously accepted.
- The PD Dive Team was called out Wednesday Morning to assist HCSO and Clewiston Fire Department at a vehicle crash scene at Hwy 27 and 80. One vehicle had sunk in 13 feet of water in the adjacent canal.
- We are planning a mock trial at the Court House in Labelle for training purposes in May. The State Attorney's Office and Judge Sloan have generously agreed to participate.
- Detectives wrapped up an investigation this week for identity theft and bank fraud. The suspect has been arrested.
- On Sunday Night officers responded to a disturbance on Reddish Circle due to Sheriff's officials all being committed to other calls. The minor issue was handled by the officers and order was restored.
- Following is a brief synopsis of the week's activity:
 - 1115** Commercial / Residential Security Checks
 - 588** Complaints Investigated
 - 14** Arrests Made
 - 20** Traffic Citations
 - 71** Merchant Escorts
 - 26** Alarms Responded To
 - 22** Red Light Violations
 - 3** Traffic Accidents Investigated

Public Works Director Scheffler reports:

- Mosquito Control Activity:

Clarke trap counts:		City traps counts:	
1300 Olympia	46	Sugarland Pk. 50 (3-18)	150
Elks Field	196	Golf Course	75
Okeechobee Blvd	171	Harlem	25
North Berner Road	800	911 N. Berner	50
			25
- Spray summary: Plane: 3-8
Truck: 3-11; 3-14; 3-18
- Street Maintenance: (1) Staff painted white street markings and parking lots after business hours in the Government Complex on 13 March and continued with the Library, Tennis Court and Royal Palm parking areas. The next objective will be to paint the yellow street markings. (2) Staff installed wheel stops at Sweet Town Playground (3) Shoulder repairs were made on several streets this week. (4) New flowers were planted and the pond got a good cleaning in the Atrium at City Hall.

- Facility Maintenance: Staff painted the dumpster enclosure and power washed the Country Club and Pro Shop this week. Iron stains on the front of the Pro Shop did not clean up as expected so we will probably paint this wall.
- Sidewalk Projects: (1) The work at the Caribbean- Lopez intersection will begin soon, so be cautious. Contractor crews will be working on the new sidewalk around the canal where new guard rail and curbing will protect pedestrian traffic.
- Library Remodel project: The additional wire needed for all of the data drops came in on Monday. Work to finish this portion will finish up this week. Wall installation has been completed and trimmed. Doors have been hung. The painter is finishing up and the ceiling tiles will be installed this week. We are waiting for the window glass to be delivered. The carpets will be cleaned and we are ready for a walk through.
- Spring Cleaning: April 5th. Plans and materials are being gathered as we prepare for the ninth annual event.

Recreation Director Ramer reports:

- Clewiston Recreation 2014 Baseball/Softball seasons began on Tuesday, March 18th after the games were cancelled on Monday because of the storm potential in our area. 36 teams made up of 432 youth from ages 3-15 play Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and some Friday nights every week until May 17th. Come out and watch Clewiston's "Finest" play "America's Game"! Check www.clewistonrecreation.com for game schedules and daily team updates.
- Backstops for the "bullpen" mounds at Stalls Field are going up and the pitching rubbers and plates will be going in this week.
- Plans are being made to get C.S. Mott Pool ready for the summer. A preliminary inspection by the HCHD found NO deficiencies and/or recommendations at this point.
- Curriculum planning, activities and block scheduling for Summer Camp(s) is being discussed in-house with the Library and Museum and we will begin to move to more formal planning discussions in the coming weeks.
- CHS Baseball will take on Westwood on Friday, March 21st at 6pm at Stalls Field at Sugarland Sports Complex. Hope to see you there!
- CHS Softball will play Bishop Verot on Monday, March 24th at 5 & 7 pm on Field #8 at Sugarland Sports Complex. GO TIGERS!
- Please contact the Youth Center at (863) 983-1492, "LIKE" us on Facebook or visit www.clewistonrecreation.com for all your recreational needs and information.

Utilities Department Director Williams reports:

- The Electric crew repaired lines that were knocked down at US Sugar Mill this week and are continuing with tree trimming for hurricane season.
- We welcomed Andres Marrero to our Utility Staff. Andres is the Lead Operator at the Wastewater Treatment Plant.

- The Water/Sewer crew continued work on the 2" main replacement on Bond Street this week and repaired a water break at the ball fields.
- Utilities Director Williams participated in a state-wide conference call concerning traffic light/street lighting maintenance. He also met with representatives from Wesco Distribution to discuss decorative lighting for Sugarland Highway.
- Request for bids have gone out to replace the lift station at Francisco and US 27 (Cuban Market Lift Station)
- Work continues on the bids to replace the generator for the Utilities Office.
- New inventory software has been ordered for the warehouse.